

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
JOINT BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY/CLINICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**MINUTES OF THE FALL 2006 MEETING OF THE MERIT REVIEW
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR CARDIOVASCULAR STUDIES-A**

The meeting was held on November 20, 2006, at the Embassy Suites Hotel at the Chevy Chase Pavilion (Tenleytown Ballroom), 4300 Military Road, NW, Washington, DC. The Chairperson, Edward J. Lesnefsky, Jr., M.D., presided throughout. The meeting began at 8:00 a.m. and adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Neal S. Kleiman, M.D., FACC
Lih Kuo, Ph.D.
Douglass F. Larson, Ph.D., C.C.P.
Edward J. Lesnefsky, Jr., M.D., FACC

Terrence X. O'Brien, M.D., M.S., FACC
Nalini Santanam, Ph.D. (Teleconference)
Krishna Singh, Ph.D.
W. Robert Taylor, M.D., Ph.D.

MEMBER(S) ABSENT

Jawahar L. Mehta, M.D., Ph.D.

AD HOC CONSULTANT(S)

Zuveer Bagwe, M.D., Senior Fellow/Research Associate,
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR
Clifford Greyson, M.D., VA Medical Center, Denver, CO

VACO STAFF PRESENT

Leroy G. Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review, Research and Development
Zahcer Parvez, Ph.D., Portfolio Manager, Merit Review Subcommittee
for Cardiovascular-A, Research and Development
Denise Jones, Program Assistant, Research and Development
Kristin Williams, Program Assistant, Research and Development

OBSERVER(S)

None

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved by the Subcommittee.

Dr. Parvez welcomed the Subcommittee and had members introduce themselves. He thanked the


Subcommittee members for their work and then presented written text of subcommittee instructions to the members. Dr. Frey also thanked the members and asked them to write substantive Summary Statements.

The date of May 21, 2007, was established for the Spring, 2007 meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the review of 18 Merit Review Proposals.

Full details of all Subcommittee actions are contained in the Summary Statements prepared by the Subcommittee. Subcommittee members were informed that the proceedings and recommendations pertaining to the merit review of component research programs are considered to be privileged information. The Subcommittee members were asked to read and sign the VA Post-Review Certification form describing confidentiality and non-disclosure as well as conflict of interest.

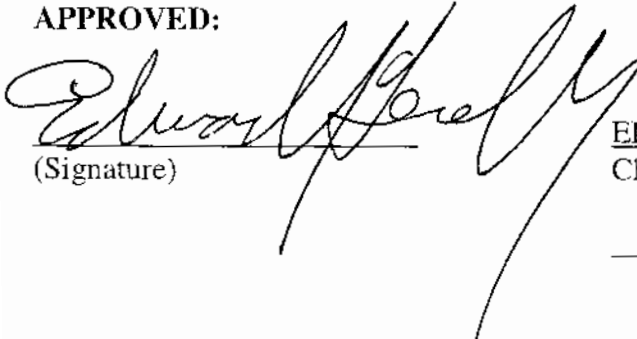
SUBMITTED:


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ZAHEER PARVEZ, PH.D.
Portfolio Manager

1/30/07
(Date)

APPROVED:


(Signature)

EDWARD J. LESNEFSKY, M.D., FACC
Chairperson

3-26-07
(Date)